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Jesse Ross

Jesse Ross seems at this time to be the only "Jesse" in early Georgia records. He is found on the 1820 Federal census of Jones Co p118, as Jesse Ross:

Males under 10 = 2	Females under 10 = 2
10-16 = 3 prob	10-16 = 1
16-18 = 0	
16-26 = 0	16-26 = 1
26-45 = 0	26-45 = 1
45 and over = 1	= 0

All other free persons except Indians = 4

He is on the 1830 Federal census of Jones Co p435:

Males 0-5 = 0	Females 0-5 = 0
5-10 = 0	5-10 = 1
10-15 = 1	10-15 = 1
50-60 = 1	40-50 = 1

The 1840 Federal census of Stewart Co 24th District on p130 lists Jesse Ross as:

Males 0-20 = 0	Females 0-5 = 2
20-30 = 1	20-30 = 1
30-40 = 1	
70-80 = 1	60-70 = 1

Obviously a child or children with grandchildren are present. Also in Stewart co as heads of their own households are the J B Ross & James Ross. Also listed is a Wm B Ross, assumed to be William M. at this time. The child 20-30 ought to be Allin Green before he married in 1842 in Stewart Co.

I finally found him in the 1850 Federal census of Tippah Co Mississippi, p394, dwelling #12 in the household of Jas P. Portis, the second husband of his oldest daughter, Pheraby and her children as:

Jas P Portis	m	50	laborer	200	NC
Feraby	f	50			GA
Jesse R Flurnoy	m	24	laborer		GA
Jesse Ross	m	85	none		NC
Luvinia Portis	f	4			TN

Jesse Ross participated in the land lotteries in Georgia. According to records from the Georgia Surveyor General Department, Archives and Records Building, Division of the Office of Secretary of State he participated in at least four land lotteries getting three parcels of land.

According to the state surveyors list Jesse Ross of Greene Co drew two blanks in the 1805 Land Lottery. In order to have qualified for two draws he should have been a married man, with wife and/or child, a one year residence in Georgia and a citizen of the United States. There was a Second Land Lottery in 1807 that he should have been

eligible for, but there is no list in existence of blank draws.

The Third or 1820 Land Lottery shows Jesse Ross of Griffith District of Jones Co getting a tract of land containing 250 acres in the 23rd District of Early County known as tract # 60. It was granted 25 Nov 1825 by E. H. Pierce. No effort has yet been made to see what he did with this land.

The Fourth or 1821 Land Lottery was set up so that Jesse as a fortunate drawer in a previous land lottery was ineligible. However things changed by the time the Fifth or 1827 Land Lottery was held. A Veteran of the Revolutionary War who had been a fortunate drawer in any previous Lottery was allowed one draw. Jesse, as a Revolutionary soldier of Mullins District, Jones Co, drew 250 acres in the 23rd district of Lee County lot #234. This is dated 9th Jan 1834. No effort has yet been made to see what he did with this land either.

The Sixth or 1832 Land Lottery indicates again that Jesse must have been a Revolutionary veteran in order to draw, since he had already received land. The parcel that he, Jesse Ross of Taylor District, Jones Co, received this time is for the second district fourth section of Cherokee Co and known as Lot #1179 and was granted 1 Jul 1843. No follow up has been made on this parcel of land either which should be (as I understand the map) in Cherokee Co next to the newly created Gilmer and Forsyth Co lines.

A state census of North Carolina, 1784-1787, does not list a Jesse Ross who should be 18 - 21 years of age. However, our records do not show him marrying until 1797 and he could be in any of several Ross households at this time. The assumption that he married Dicy Wiggans from North Carolina also narrows the possible Rosses in same county.

The book Gone to Georgia by Wm. C. Stewart names several early Ross men from North Carolina, but not Jesse. However, the book Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1785 to 1809 by Mary G. Bryan has on p35 the following:

"Page 362 --- Monday 7th December 1801

ORDERED

That Pass Ports through the creek nation to the Mississippi Territory be prepared for the following persons and their families Hezekiah and Cader Carter, Vines Powell, Henry Slaughter, William Hill, William Wiggins and Jesse Ross--- which were presented and signed"

I do not know if this is our Jesse and / or if more information can be obtained. By this time he should be married to Dicy Wiggans and have two children. So far I have found many spellings of Wiggans.

At this time no marriage record for Jesse and Dicy has been found other than the Bible in the Ross family which states 3 Aug 1797 and was published in 1816. However, there have not been any appreciable errors found in the Bible records, most

dates have other documentation. Most of their children's marriages have been found in Wilkinson, Jones and Stewart Co records.

The following facts are about a Jesse Ross:

On the Substitute for 1790 Georgia Lost Census is listed on pg 86 a Jesse Ross in Elbert Co GA from Voters for delegates to Constitutional Convention in 1795.

In a printed book of Putnam Co GA wills Bk A 1808-1822 on page 22-23 is the following entry:

Will of James Singleton of Putnam Co dated 10 Apr 1813
...weak of body.... to bel. dau. Julia, \$25...bel. dau.
Milly, \$25....bel son Thomas, \$25...I give to Patsey
Baily the mother of these 2 sons and 2 daus, \$2....
I give to my bel wife Hester Singleton, 2 negroes and
also a sg lot of land in 3rd Dist Baldwin now Putnam
co., cont 202 1/2 acres on wters of Little River known
by No. 97., also mare, cattle, furn., tools, bel wife
Hester to have a descent support out of aboe property
dur her life and after her decease tobe equally div
bet. Leroy, Samuel, Benjamin, Eliza, and James my bel
children. Appt bel friend Edw Taylor & Mathew Jones
Exors. Signed James Singleton
Wit. John Loftin, Jesse Ross, & Henry Putnam
Pro open ct 5 Jul 1813

I tend to believe that they probably refer to this "Jesse Ross". His son Jesse seems to always use a "B." or "J.B." as

his name, and several of the above are before the son is of legal age.

Jesse is listed in Index of Revolutionary War Pension Applications by Hoyt, Metcalf, Yoyt, Baer, and Giller with revisions by Giller, Dumont, and Dumont pub National Genealogical Society, Washington, D. C. in 1966. On page 976 is listed "Ross, Jesse, Miss. res in 1850, R9021". This set of records was ordered and consists of six sheets of copies. There is one stating name, file number and MS residence in 1850. There is one with "No37,982; his name; Mississippi; Let O. Davis 4th Nov 1857; Let Hon D. B. Nabors 13 Dec 1___ (Let probably is an abbreviation for letter); then "9021" in large numbers and near bottom two or three letters and "7th June 1832". The next sheet has "9021" at top followed by "Jesse Ross", and notation "See letter within to withdraw the papers-". A copy of a letter dated "Dec 10, 1851" from "B.D.Nabers for Price & Jackson Attorneys - Ripley, Mississippi," states that "he is requested to withdraw papers on file in office in favor of James Ross, who applied about 2 years ago for a Revolutionary Pension". Another form sheet with "Tippah Co, Mississippi, 30th October 1852 appeared James P. Portis and his wife Pheraby W(middle name is not readable either place and looks most like Winston or Newton) Portis resident of Ripley and the said Pheriby W(?) Portis is the daughter of the identical J(not readable but appropriate length for Jesse) Ross who was a Soldier in the war of the Revolution

and who has heretofore made application for the benefit of the Pension". They are making a Samuel M Knight of Washington city lawful attorney to prosecute claim of Jesse Ross". Then their signatures. Then a Justice of Peace signing that Pheraby is directly interested and the identical party to signer. Then the clerk of probate swears that "she, Pheraby Fortis, is the daughter of Jesse Ross and has power of attorney". The other sheet is a copy of a letter dated "Mar 25 185_ (probably 50) to the Comm of Pensions stating he is lawyer of Jesse Ross and inclosed is application for pension under act of June 7 1832". He also requests further correspondence be sent to him, O. Davis.

Jesse Ross

1766-1852

* Enteries marked this way may or maynot be "the" Jesse Ross to whom all other enteries refer.

- 1766 - 11 Jun NC Jesse Ross birthdate according to a family bible record. Also verified by census.
- 1794 GA Hancock co *Jesse Ross on tax digest. Printed source.
- 1795 GA Elbert co *Jesse Ross listed as voter for delegates to constitutional convention list. Printed source
- 1797 - 3 Aug Jesse Ross married Dicy Wiggans according to the family bible record.
- 1798 - 2 May BA Riley Wiggans Ross, the first child, is born according to the family bible record. Also verified by census records.
- 1800 - 16 Apr BA Pharahay(Fariba, etc) Ross is born according to the family bible record. Census also verify this date.
- 1800 - 1802 Index to George tax digests - No Jesse!
- 1801 - 7 Dec BA *Jesse Ross and others including a Wiggans are granted a passport to cross through the Creek nation by the Govenor of Georgia. Printed source.
- 1802 - 23 Dec BA Bethaney Ross was born according to family bible record. Census also verify.
- 1803 - 25 Nov *Jesse Ross is a signer to a petition to Congress by the residents of the Washington district of Mississippi territory for a change in division of territorial government with offices and services closer to them for inhabitants of settlements on the Mobille Tombecbee and Alabama rivers. Territorial Papers by Carter.
- 1803 - 28 Nov *Jesse Ross included as signer to a petition to congress by inhabitants on Alabama river. Explain changes in governments and ask that United States uphold their legal claims to land under previous governments. Territorial Papers by Carter.

- 1804 - 1806 Index to Georgia tax Digests - No Jesse!
- 1804 - 27 Mar *Jesse Ross's case #36 hearing was started regarding his claim to public land as a representative of Abraham Walker on land 630 acres which was south of Tennessee and east of Pearl river. [Early Settlers of Mississippi as Taken From Land Claims in the Mississippi Territory, Lowrie, American State Papers, Vol I. p736]
- 1805 - 1 Jun above p751 surveyor turned in his survey
- 1805 - 13 Jul above p765 Abraham Walkers survey & claim stood as his but no evidence adduced to show that Jesse Ross was legal representative of of said Walker.
- 1804 - 17 Sep Betty (Elizabeth L. or F.) Ross was born
GA [Jones co] according to family bible record. This is also verified by census and DAR application papers of Mrs. Buchanan.
- 1805
GA Greene co Jesse Ross participated in Georgia Land Lottery. He drew 2 blanks. This shows that in addition to being the head of a household that he had American Revolutionary service.
- 1806 - 14 Dec James Franklin Ross was born according to the
GA family bible record. This is verified by census.
- 1808 - 10 Sep _____cis Doching Ross was born according to the family bible record. It is currently believed that is the Francis Doskins Ross and/or F.D. Ross that appears in the GA records.
- 1809 - 1811 Index to Georgia Tax Digests - no Jesse!
- 1810 - 1 Oct William M (Mennning/Memery/Memory) Ross was
GA born according to the family bible record. This is also verified by census.
- 1812 - 1 Jul Sarah Ann Ross was born according to the fam-
GA ily bible record. Verifed by census records.
- 1813 - 10 Apr *Jesse Ross witnessed the will of James
GA Putnam co Singleton and recorded for probate on 5 Jul 1813 in BkAp22-23. Printed source
- 1814 - 23 Aug Jesse Branham Ross was born according to two
GA different family bible records. Census also verifies.
- 1815 *Jesse Ross on tax digest. Printed source.

1816 - 31 Oct Mary Wiseman Ross was born according to the
GA family bible record.

1818 - 1 Feb Pheraby Ross married Green Flournoy according
GA Jones co to the family bible record. It is listed as
recorded BkAp71 in Jones co printed source.

1819 - 5 Aug Allen Green Ross was born according to family
GA bible record. Census records verifies.

1820 census Jesse Ross is on pg 118.
GA Jones co

1820 Jesse Ross participated in Georgia Land
GA Jones co Lottery. He drew land in Early co.

1820 - 25 Oct Riley Wiggans Ross married Elizabeth
GA Jones co McFarland from printed Jones Co History.

1820 - 23 Nov Riley and Elizabeth McFarland marry according
to family bible record.

1820 - 26 Nov Riley married Elizabeth McFarland as
GA Jones co Hollinsworth file from R. J. Taylor Founda-
tion microfilm at AR History Com. Library.

1822 - 23 Feb Jesse Ross listed as grantee in Index for lot
GA Jones co 81 12th dist from Charles Huckaby filed 1824
bk M p386

1823 - 9 Oct Bethany Ross married Howell King according to
GA (Wilkes co) family bible record. Listed in printed
sources as recorded in Wilkes co GA.

1824 - 25 Mar Elizabeth Ross and James Jones married
GA Jones co according to the family bible record. Also
in printed Jones co as recorded BkAp241.

1825 30 Apr - 1826 Riley Ross listed as a Lt.
GA Jones co

1827 Jesse Ross participated in Georgia Land
GA Jones co Lottery. The fact that he was allowed to be
in the draw after already getting land draw
in 1820 shows he was eligible due to American
Rev. service. He drew land in Lee co GA.

1829 - 30 Sep Sarah Ann Ross married James P. Ellis accord-
GA Jones co ing to the family bible record. It is listed
recorded in Jones Co BkB p19 (printed source)

1830 census Jesse Ross is on pg 435 with James P. Ellis
GA Jones co next door.

1830 - 25 Sep J. F. (?James Franklin) Ross listed as 1st Lt.
GA Jones co

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1830 19 Feb - 1834 Riley W. Ross listed as a Capt.
GA Upson co

183_ - 6 Oct William M. married Mary E. Harriet is the
family bible record. Year could be a one.

1832 Jesse Ross again participates in the Georgia
GA Jones co Land Lottery. He drew land in Cherokee co.
American Rev. service eligibility to draw.

1833 - 21 Jul Jesse B. Ross married Henarettar Smith as in
GA Jones co family bible record. In printed Jones Co
record as Branhom Ross and Henrietta Smith on
bk B p 98.

1833 26 Jun -1835 Riley Ross listed as a Capt.
GA Talbot co

1834 - 18 Feb Jesse Ross enters brand for livestock in co.
GA Stewart co records in Stewart co.

1834 - 8 May Mary Wiseman married Stephen Parker according
GA Stewart co to the family bible record. It is printed
record for Stewart co GA.

1837 -7 Jun Riley Ross listed as a Major
GA Troup co

1840 census Riley Ross 701st Dist p330
GA Troup co

1840 census Jesse Ross is on pg 130. J.B. on pg133; James
GA Stewart co R. Ellis & Stephen Parker on pg137; Wm.B on
pg 138; and James on pg139.

1841 The tax digest lists Allen G., James F.,
GA Stewart co Jesse, Jesse B., and a "F.D" Ross.

1844 - 6 Mar Mary Wiseman Ross Parkers' death is recorded
GA ?Stewart co in both family bible records. Goodspeeds for
Southern AR - Ashley co biographical sketch
of F. C. Parker on pg 915 gives Mar 1845.

1847 - 9 Jun Dicy Wiggans Ross death date as found in both
family bible records.

1849 Jesse B. Ross is on tax list 1poll/1 mare
AR Ashley co

1850 census MS Tippah Co Jesse Ross is found in the household of his oldest daughter, Feraby (now Portis) on pg 394#12.

1850 census MS Carroll co Riley W. Ross is in S. Dist #513-565 census

1850 census AR Ashley co James F. Ross is HH#51 in White twp

1850 census AR Drew co William M. Ross and family are in the Thomas Hales household in Veasey twp #136 p84

1851 AR Ashley co James F. Ross on tax list 1poll/1 mare/1neat cattle
 Jesse B. Ross -tax list 1poll/1mare/1 neat cattle
 William Ross - tax list 1poll/1mare/16 neat cattle/10 _____ & 40 A SESW 14 17 7

1852 - 9 Feb MS Tippah co? Jesse Ross' death date as recorded in family bible record. I found no probate or will record for him in Tippah co MS. He is not listed in printed cemetery records that I found either.

1852 - 19 Oct MS Tippah co Document filed for benefits of Rev. Soldier